

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0001]

Agency Information Collection Activity: Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension and Veteran's Supplemental claim Application

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. **DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE**]

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0001" in any

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correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through

FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Harvey-Pryor at (202) 461-5870.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or

sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of

the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on:

(1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical

utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of

information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of

other forms of information technology.

Authority: Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521.

Title: Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension (VA Form 21-526) and

Veteran's Supplemental claim Application (VA Form 21-526b)

OMB Control Number: 2900-0001.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

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<u>Abstract</u>: VA Form 21-526 and 21-526b are used to gather the necessary information to determine a veteran's eligibility, dependency, and income, as applicable, for the compensation and/or pension benefit sought.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 138,149.50 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 37.50 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 301,033.

By direction of the Secretary:

Cynthia Harvey-Pryor,

Department Clearance Officer,

Office of Privacy and Records Management,

Department of Veterans Affairs

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